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OF THE

ROYAL COMMISSIONERS

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TO

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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10 A, Great George Street, Westminster.
12th March 1855.

Gentlemen,

We have much pleasure in informing you that we are commanded by

His Royal Highness Prince Albert,

to convey to you the thanks of the Royal Commission for the effectual assistance you have hitherto given them in carrying into effect Her Majesty's gracious intentions.

We are further directed to request that you will confer on them the additional favour of conveying their grateful thanks to the various Subscribers.

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

E. Gardiner Fishbourne
Captain R.A.

E. H. Lefroy
Captain R.A.

Honorary Secretaries.

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ROYAL COMMISSION.

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To Our most dearly-beloved Consort, His Royal Highness Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emmanuel, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe Cobourg and Gotha, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, and Field-Marshal of our Forces. To Our right trusty and right entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State; our right trusty and right entirely-beloved Cousin, and Councillor, Arthur, Duke of Wellington, Major-General of Our Forces; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Adolphus Somerset, commonly called Lord Seymour; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Edward Geoffrey, Earl of Derby; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, George Hamilton, Earl of Aberdeen, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Charles Philip, Earl of Hardwicke, Rear-Admiral on the Reserved Half-Pay of Our Navy; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, Henry Thomas, Earl of Chichester; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, Horatio, Earl Nelson; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Earl Grey; Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry John, Viscount Palmerston, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and one of Our Principal Secretaries of State: Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Stapylton, Viscount Combermere, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and General of Our Forces; Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Viscount Hardinge, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and General Commanding-in-chief of Our Army; Our right trusty and well-beloved Henry Robinson, Baron Rokeby, Major General of Our Forces; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Charles, Baron Colchester, Rear-Admiral on the Reserved Half-Pay of Our Navy; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Fox, Baron Panmure, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Our right trusty and well-beloved John, Baron Seaton, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and

General of Our Forces; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Burtenshaw, Baron Saint Leonards; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Fitz Roy James Henry, Baron Raglan, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, General in Our Army, Master-General of Our Ordnance, and Commander of Our Forces employed on a particular service; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sidney Herbert, Our Secretary-at-War; Our trusty and well-beloved James Lindsay, commonly called the Honourable James Lindsay, Colonel of Our Forces; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir James Robert George Graham, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and one of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Henry Thomas Lowry Corry; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Ellice; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Robert Vernon Smith; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir John Somerset Pakington, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Robert Throckmorton, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Parker, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Admiral of the White Squadron of Our Fleet; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Fox Burgoyne, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General of Our Army, and Inspector-General of Fortifications; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Hew Dalrymple Ross, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Lieutenant-General of Our Forces, and Lieutenant-General of Our Ordnance; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor the Lord Mayor of Our City of London for the time being; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Baring, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved John Gellibrand Hubbard, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved John Wilson Patten, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Samuel Morton Peto, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Edmund Burke Roche, Esquire; and Our trusty and well-beloved John Ball, Esquire. Greeting:

WHEREAS, amidst the glorious successes which, through the power of Almighty God, have attended Our arms during the present war, many soldiers, sailors, and marines, serving in Our armies and fleets, have gallantly fallen in battle, or by other casualties during the war; and many who shall hereafter be engaged in conflict, or in the further prosecution of hostilities, may also nobly sacrifice their lives in Our service, while protecting the invaded liberties of Our Ally, and repressing the lawless ambition of Our enemies:

AND WHEREAS it hath been represented to Us, that many of Our loving subjects throughout Our Kingdom and Dominions, actuated by a just sense of the sacred rights of those who fall in their country's service and in support of Our just cause of war, are anxiously desirous of testifying their loyalty and love to Us, and to Our Throne, by a just and generous benevolence towards the widows and orphans of those of Our soldiers, sailors, and marines who have been so killed, or who may hereafter die amidst the ravages and casualties of war, and also by their gifts and subscriptions to contribute a portion of those means with which Our nation has been blessed towards the succouring, educating, and relieving those, who, by the loss of their husbands and parents in battle, or by death on active service in the present war, are unable to maintain or to support themselves:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that public measures should be taken, and that preparation should be made for the safe keeping and beneficial application of the several sums of money which may henceforth, and from time to time hereafter, during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, be given, subscribed, or collected, for all or any of the several purposes aforesaid: And also for the purpose of securing such prompt and authentic information as may be required, to aid the just and faithful distribution of the said several sums of money, when so received: And it hath also appeared to Us, that by issuing this, Our Royal Commission, greater efficacy, power, and support, may be given to the benevolent desires of Our loving subjects: And also that the respective claims, merits, and necessities of individual claimants will be duly inquired into: And that by permitting assistance to be rendered by the officers of Our civil, military, and naval services we may prevent the wrong application, by misrepresentation or otherwise, of those contributions which Our loving subjects may hereafter, during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, for the several purposes aforesaid, generously and benevolently supply:

Recites that it is expediment to take measures for safe custody and application of funds.

NOW KNOW YE, that We, having taken into Our consideration the premises, and being earnestly desirous, in lasting memory of those who have faithfully fallen in Our service, to encourage the loyal and hearty benevolence of Our loving subjects, which may hereafter be directed towards the widows and orphans of the soldiers, sailors, and marines of Our forces, who may now or hereafter be serving abroad in Our armies and fleets, or in services connected with Our present hostilities, and for other the several purposes hereinbefore recited or mentioned, and reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, HAVE authorized and appointed, and DO by these presents authorize and appoint you, the said Prince Albert, the said Duke of Newcastle, the said Duke of Wellington, the said Lord Seymour, the said Earl of Derby, the said Earl of Aberdeen, the said Earl of Shaftesbury, the said Earl of Hardwicke, the said Earl of Chichester, the said Earl Nelson, the said Earl Grey, the said Viscount Palmerston, the said Viscount Combermere, the said Victount Hardinge, the said Baron Rokeby, the said Baron Colchester, the said Baron Panmure, the said Baron Seaton, the said Baron St. Leonards, the said Baron Raglan, the said Sidney Herbert, the said James Lindsay, the said Sir James Robert George Graham, the said Henry Thomas Lowry Corry, the said Edward Ellice, the said Robert Vernon Smith, the said Sir John Somerset Packington, the said Sir Robert Throckmorton, the said Sir William Parker, the said Sir Thomas Byam Martin, the said Sir John Fox Burgoyne, the said Sir Hew Dalrymple Ross, the said Lord Mayor of Our City of London, the said Joseph Hume, the said Thomas Baring, the said John Gellibrand Hubbard, the said John Wilson Patten, the said Samuel Morton Peto, the said Edward Burke Roche, the said John Ball, to make full and diligent inquiry into the best mode of aiding the loyalty and benevolence of Our loving subjects, and of ascertaining the best means by which the gifts, subscriptions, and contributions of Our loving subjects can be best applied, according to the generous intentions of the donor thereof, and from time to time to apply the same as you, Our Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall think fit or direct, either for the immediate relief of such special objects of destitution as may come within the meaning and purpose of such benevolence; or, for any of the purposes aforesaid, to increase, extend, or make additions to any of Our Royal

Constituting Commission and naming Commissioners.

Names of Commissioners.

or other charitable institutions already founded for similar purposes within Our United Kingdom. And further, to apply, or to order and direct the application of, all such moneys in such manner as to you Our Commissioners, or to any three or more of you, shall seem fit in the premises; so that you do in all things secure the most impartial and beneficent distribution of all such sums as may hereafter and from time be received under or by virtue of this Our Royal Commission.

Power to Commissioners to call persons before them.

AND KNOW YE that We do by these presents further give and grant to you, and to any three or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any three or more of you, all such persons in connection with Our civil, military, and naval service, as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of all matters and thing most desirable to be done and performed, and to inquire into the premises and every part thereof by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

Appointment of Secretaries.

And Our further will and pleasure is, That for the purpose of aiding you in the execution of these premises, We do hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Edmund Gardiner Fishbourne, Esquire, Captain in Our Navy, and Our trusty and well-beloved John Henry Lefroy, Esquire, Captain in Our Royal Regiment of Artillery, to be joint Honorary Secretaries to this Our Royal Commission.

And We do command you Our said Commissioners, upon the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of either or both of them the said Secretaries to this Our Royal Commission, that you do from time to time, and as often as the same may occur, proceed according to your discretion to fill up the same by virtue of this Our Royal Commission.

Constituting Commissioners in Aid to organize Local Committees.

And for the further better and more perfectly enabling all our Our loving subjects, according to their desire and ability, and from time to time and at all times during the existence of this Our Royal Commission, according to their several means and wishes, to contribute to the benevolent and praiseworthy objects aforesaid, and that *Local Committees* may the more readily and speedily be formed throughout Our Kingdom and Dominions, of all Our magistrates, justices of the peace, the clergy, and other of Our loving subjects within all cities, parishes, boroughs, and places in Our Kingdom and Dominions, and in Our Colonies, possessions, and territories abroad, It is Our Royal will and pleasure, and WE do for such purpose constitute and appoint the Lords Lieutenant, Sheriffs, and Custodes Rotulorum for the time being of the several counties within Our Kingdom; the Aldermen and Recorder for the time being of Our City of London; the Lord Provost of Edinburgh for the time being; the Lord Mayor of Dublin for the time being; the Lord Mayor of York for the time being; and all other the Mayors, Provosts, Baliffs, and Baillies for the time being of Our cities, boroughs, and corporate towns; and also all Our Governors-General, Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and officers administering the Governments for the time being of Our territories and Colonial possessions, to be within their several counties, cities, boroughs, governments, and jurisdictions respectively, COMMISSIONERS IN AID of the several duties and services to be performed by you, and for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, to encourage, aid, and assist the establish-

ment of all such *Local Committees* as may be useful or necessary in every town, parish, or place within the jurisdictions aforesaid, for the several purposes of collecting from time to time all or any gifts, subscriptions, and voluntary contributions as aforesaid, and transmitting the same when so collected to Our Paymaster-General, as is hereinafter mentioned: Provided always, that each and every such Local Committee shall keep a correct account of the moneys collected by them respectively; and each of the said Local Committees shall only be answerable and accountable for the due and speedy transmission to Our said Paymaster-General of all such sum and sums of money as may from time to time be voluntarily subscribed or collected through its own special means and agency.

And We do authorize and empower the said COMMISSIONERS IN AID, under the rules and regulations of you Our said Commissioners, or of any three or more of you, in all other matters to perform and do such acts as may best promote the objects of this Our Royal Commission, during the continuance thereof, and to encourage and aid a due and faithful fulfilment of the benevolent desires of Our loving subjects in this behalf, within the several counties, governments, and jurisdictions aforesaid.

Appointing Paymaster-General to act as Treasurer.

And for the safe custody of all moneys which may hereafter be received for the purposes herein set forth, and of all sums of money already subscribed or given for any such purpose as aforesaid, which may be duly handed over for the purpose of being applied under this Our Royal Commission, Our Royal will and pleasure further is, and We do hereby direct and command Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward John, Baron Stanley of Alderley, Our Paymaster-General, or Our Paymaster-General for the time being, to receive and safely keep all and every sum and sums of money which by virtue of this Our Royal Commission may at any time or times, and from time to time hereafter during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, be received and paid, but subject nevertheless to the orders and directions of you Our said Commissioners, or of any three or more of you, and also to such drafts of the Executive and Finance Committee as are hereinafter mentioned, and which may be in accordance with the rules and regulations of you Our said Commissioners.

Paymaster-General to open account at Bank of England as Patriotic Fund.

And to this end We do command our said Paymaster-General to open and keep a separate account at the Bank of England, and that he do pay to the credit of such account, which shall be called and known by the name of the "PATRIOTIC FUND," all and every sum and sums of money which he may at any time hereafter receive, under or by virtue of this Our Royal Commission; and that Our said Paymaster-General do cause payments to be made therefrom by virtue of such drafts or orders as may be addressed to him by or on behalf of you Our said Commissioners, and, subject to your direction and authority, by your said Secretaries or either of them, or by the said Executive and Finance Committee, or by any two or more of such Committee for the time being.

Appointment of Executive and Finance Committee.

And in order to facilitate the imprest to Our said Paymaster-General of money and all subscriptions, donations, and collections of moneys now or hereafter

to be made, or which from time to time during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission may be received, for any of the several purposes aforesaid, and also for the purpose of carrying into effect what you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall hereafter direct to be done in respect to the said subscriptions, donations, and collections so expected to be made as aforesaid, We hereby authorise you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, to nominate and appoint any three or more persons whomsoever, as to you shall seem meet, to be an Executive Committee in the premises; and Our pleasure is that such Executive Committee shall also be a Finance Cimmittee, with power to select their own Chairman, and having the direction and control, under such orders and regulations as may hereafter from time to time be made by you, or by any three or more of you, over the receipts and expenditure of the said several sums of money which from time to time during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission may be collected, as aforesaid; and, subject to such your orders and regulations, the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any two or more of them, shall and may order and direct the payment and disbursement of any sum or sums so to be received by Our said Paymaster-General to the account of the said "Patriotic Fund."

Royal Commissioners to fill up Vacancies in Executive and Finance Committee.

And it is Our further will and pleasure that you, or any three or more of you, do from time to time, according to your discretion, fill up any such vacancies as may occur in such Executive and Finance Committee, as occasion shall require, and that the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any three or more of them, do from time to time appoint their own clerk, who shall also duly record their proceedings, and which said proceedings shall be duly preserved and kept, and the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any three of them, inclusive of their Chairman for the time being if he shall be then present, shall from time to time, and at all times, report to you as and when you may desire, all matters and things that they shall or may have done in the premises, and shall render accounts of all disbursements and payments which may be made, or ordered to be made, by them in manner aforesaid under the orders and regulations so to be received from you, or any three or more of you, as aforesaid. And further that you do, as soon as conveniently may be after the receipt of such accounts, proceed to audit, by one or more of your number, all such accounts, disbursements, and payments, so that there be no expenditure of any sum or sums of money by anticipation or in advance of any balance already in hand of Our said Paymaster-General to the account of the said "Patriotic Fund."

Commissioner to Audit Accounts of Executive and Finance Committee.

Not to Overdraw or Anticipate Balances.

Commissioners to Report to Queen from time to time.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you or any three or more of you, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing, under your hands and seals respectively, all and every of the several proceedings of yourselves had by virtue of these presents, together with such other matters, if any, as may be deserving of Our Royal consideration touching or concerning the premises.

Commissioners to meet notwithstanding no adjournment.

And lastly, We do by these presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time, and at any place or

places, proceed in the execution thereof, and of every other matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

Given at our Court at Balmoral, this seventh day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the eighteenth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

FIRST REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

WE, Your Majesty's Commissioners for the formation and application of a Patriotic Fund, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers, Sailors, or Marines who may be killed or may die on active service, during the present War, now humbly beg to present to Your Majesty a First Report of our proceedings, and of the arrangements which we have deemed it expedient to make, for giving an early effect to Your Majesty's gracious intentions.

Measures taken for collecting fund.

2. Acting under the sanction of one of Your Majesty's Secretaries of State, our Honorary Secretaries proceeded at once, on the promulgation of the Royal Commission in the "London Gazette" of the 16th October 1854, to communicate with the Commissioners in aid both at home and abroad, and to request their assistance for the formation of Local Committees to collect and transmit the gifts and voluntary subscriptions of Your Majesty's loyal subjects to the Patriotic Fund. To facilitate those measures our Honorary Secretaries issued the notice (A.) in the Appendix.

Amount collected, and the classes from whom received.

3. The unprecedented amount which in the short space of six months has been contributed in answer to that appeal, is a most satisfactory proof of the eagerness with which Your Majesty's subjects have embraced an occasion of testifying at once their loyal support of the great contest in which our country is engaged, and their recognition of the claims of those gallant men who may unhappily fall in it. A sum exceeding a Million sterling has now been paid into the Bank of England to our account. Every class of the community has contributed liberally to the Fund. On the one hand, the nobility, the gentry, the great corporate mercantile bodies of the kingdom, have proportioned their donations to the greatness of the occasion, and to their large share of the blessings bestowed by Providence upon this favoured land. On the other, we have found that the brilliant deeds of our countrymen in arms have awakened equal sympathy in every class of humble life, even among those whose generous impulses can be gratified only at the cost of privation and self-denial. Contributions of large amount have been received from agricultural districts and rural parishes, swelled by the spontaneous bounty of the peasantry; artizans, domestic servants, workpeople, labourers, individually and in associations, have felt a patriotic pride and a generous satisfaction in answering their Sovereign's appeal. In one striking instance, the inmates of the Reformatory Asylum, Smith Street, Westminster, having literally nothing of their own to give, denied themselves a meal, that its value might be offered as their gift. We deem it a fact deserving Your Majesty's notice, that even the children of the poorer classes have very generally contributed their "mite" to enlarge the amount of the Nation's bounty.

Sums collected from colonies, English residents abroad, and from foreigners.

4. It will be our duty hereafter to submit to Your Majesty as detailed a statement as may be practicable of the sources from which the Patriotic Fund has been derived. Your Majesty will be gratified to hear that the contributions have not been confined to Great Britain or even to Your Majesty's subjects. Very large sums have been received from British residents abroad. Your Majesty's representatives in the Colonies, acting as Commissioners in Aid, have been warmly seconded by the loyal feelings of Your Majesty's colonial subjects, in proof of which we can point to magnificent contributions from India, from the North American Colonies, from Australia, and in fact from nearly every British possession; amongst other contributions may be mentioned that of the Six Nation Indians, who have subscribed the sum of £100. Your Majesty's Consuls General, Consuls, and other influential British subjects also, in all parts of the world, have manifested a laudable zeal in contributing themselves, and in encouraging and collecting contributions to the National Fund. We have peculiar pleasure in reporting to Your Majesty that the Natives of many Foreign Countries also have spontaneously and largely contributed, and have accompanied their donations with kind expressions of sympathy for the sufferers, and testimony to their sense of the justice of the War in which Your Majesty and Allies are engaged.

Collections from foreign countries.

Amount of fund.

5. We beg to submit, in Appendix B., a detailed account of the sums received in each month since the opening of the subscription, and a statement of the mode in which they have been invested.

Distribution of relief by Honorary Secretaries.

6. The distribution of relief was commenced by the Honorary Secretaries in the month of November 1854, under a sanction provisionally given to them for that purpose, by one of Your Majesty's Secretaries of State. Under this arrangement, about 73 Widows and 114 Orphan Children were actually receiving assistance at the period when we first entered upon the active discharge of the duties which your Majesty had been pleased to impose upon us. A List of our Meetings, of which regular Minutes have been kept, will be found in Appendix C.

Appointment of Finance Committee.

7. In conformity with the authority given to us, we proceeded at once to nominate an Executive and Finance Committee, composed of the following :—

The Right Honourable Lord St. Leonards.
Colonel the Honourable James Lindsay, M.P.
Lieutenant Colonel Shafto Adair, M.P.
Thomas Baring, Esquire, M.P.
George C. Glyn, Esquire, M.P.
Sir Alexander Spearman, Bart.
Vice-Admiral Henry Hope, C.B.
Major R. J. Little, Royal Marines.
W. G. Anderson, Esquire, Treasury.
R. C. Kirby, Esquire, War Office.
Captain E. G. Fishbourne, R.N.
Captain J. H. Lefroy, R.A.

Having selected the Lord St. Leonards as their Chairman, this Committee has since held regular Meetings, and has made us two Reports, of which we have approved, and which we humbly submit to Your Majesty, in Appendix D. 1 and 2.

8. Upon a careful consideration of our powers, we were led to the conclusion that, while they do not exclude the Widows and Orphans of Commissioned Officers of the Army, Navy, and Marines, yet, inasmuch as a provision has been made by Your Majesty's Pension Warrant and Compassionate Allowances for the relief of claimants of that class, they cannot in general be considered as primary objects of the Royal Commission. Consequently, we have deferred for the most part the claims of this class till the number and urgency of those of the primary classes, viz.:—those of Widows and Orphans of Non-commissioned and Petty Officers, Private Soldiers, Seamen, and Marines, for whom no such provision exists, should be known and provided for. We are happy, however, to be able to report, that through the instrumentality of the Committee of Amateur Artists, several sums of money have already been placed at our disposal, for immediate distribution amongst the Widows and Orphans of all classes of Officers. We have already offered our warm acknowledgments to the Committee; and we have to report to Your Majesty that the money has been applied in the relief of several pressing claims, and has elicited very grateful acknowledgments from the recipients.

Powers conferred by the Commission.

Claims of widows of Superior Officers deferred.

Amateur Artists' Fund, Burlington House.

9. Omitting, from motives of delicacy, the names of the Applicants, we submit to Your Majesty, in Appendix E., the cases of all those ladies who have applied for assistance, as an index to the circumstances in which it is too probable that many gallant Officers may leave their Widows and Families, in the event of their falling in the present War.

Applications of Officers' Widows and Orphans.

10. Truly gratifying, and indeed magnificent, as is the amount of the subscription received, there is little reason to doubt that the claims upon it will be correspondingly great. In February we were led to suppose, upon the best data we were able to collect, that the naval and military operations in which the country had then been engaged, had already thrown upon the bounty of the country 2,000 Widows and 3,400 Orphans, and on this supposition the first Scale of Allowance that we sanctioned was framed; but, finding the estimate of numbers, especially in the case of Orphans, was excessive, we have been induced to substitute an amended Scale. These are given in Appendices F and G. How many may be added to these, should the war unhappily be prolonged, it is impossible for us to conjecture. It cannot be doubted, however, that the number will be considerable. Each week, under present circumstances, from 70 to 80 Widows are added to the number receiving relief, not in many cases from the recent death of their husbands, but from the fact that they had not been previously informed of their bereavement.

First estimate of the number of Widows and Orphans.

11. The total number of Widows of the primary class, who have actually applied for and received relief up to the 10th of May 1855, falls considerably short of the number we estimated for above; it is, 1,487; and in connexion with them are 1,802 Children, exclusive of 33 Children who have lost both parents. The table in Appendix H. shows the districts in which they are residing, and the numbers belonging to the Army and Navy respectively.

Number of Widows and Orphans now receiving relief.

12. We beg humbly to lay before Your Majesty, in a concise form, a series of Resolutions we have come to, for the present guidance of our Executive Committee, in the distribution of the Fund to the primary classes, and which Your Majesty will find in Appendix I.

Resolutions for the guidance of the Finance Committee.

Measures with reference to Education.

13. In the enumeration of the benevolent objects proposed by Your Majesty's Royal Commission, a prominent place is given to the all-important boon of Education. To this object we have directed our careful attention. In the great uncertainty which must prevail for some time to come as to the number of Orphan Children of any class who may look to us for protection, it would be premature to originate any large or general measure. In many cases benevolent individuals have undertaken the charge and education of Orphan Children. Some of the principal Orphan Asylums have offered to provide for others; and our Executive and Finance Committee has given a general notice that it will defray the small weekly charge incurred by sending any of the children of mothers relieved from the Fund to the ordinary schools of their localities, having due regard to the religious opinions of the children or of their parents. We have further authorized this Committee to place orphans for education in any asylum, industrial school, or other establishment for receiving orphans or destitute children, which offers itself in their neighbourhood; but for the present we have thought it desirable not to authorize the Committee to purchase perpetual rights of presentation, or to endow or enlarge any such establishments.

(Signed)	ALBERT.	JAS. LINDSAY.
	NEWCASTLE.	J. R. G. GRAHAM.
	WELLINGTON.	H. T. L. CORRY.
	SEYMOUR.	EDWARD ELLICE.
	DERBY.	R. V. SMITH.
	ABERDEEN.	JOHN PAKINGTON.
	SHAFTESBURY.	RT. THROCKMORTON.
	HARDWICKE.	WM. PARKER.
	CHICHESTER.	J. BURGOYNE.
	NELSON.	HEW ROSS.
	GREY.	FRANCIS GRAHAM MOON.
	PALMERSTON.	(LORD MAYOR.)
	COMBERMERE.	THOS. BARING.
	HARDINGE.	J. G. HUBBARD.
	COLCHESTER.	J. WILSON PATTEN.
	PANMURE.	S. M. PETO.
	SEATON.	FERMOY.
	ST. LEONARDS.	JOHN BALL.
	SIDNEY HERBERT.	

Palace of Westminster,
10*th May*, 1855.

Appendix A.

Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund.

Notice.

The Offices of the Royal Commissioners of the "Patriotic Fund" are, for the present, at No. 16A Great George Street, corner of Parliament Street, Westminster.

The hours of attendance will be from 11 A.M. till 4 P.M. daily.

The "Commissioners in Aid" of the "Patriotic Fund" are earnestly requested, without further notice, to take immediate steps for giving publicity, within their several jurisdictions, to the Royal Commission, in order that Local Committees be formed, wherever practicable, with the least possible delay.

"Local Committees" will, according to their discretion, obtain Contributions to the Patriotic Fund, either by public Meetings, establishing Subscription Lists, or otherwise.

The acknowledgment of individual donations, where obtained through the "Commissioners in Aid" or by "Local Committees," must in all cases, to avoid error and expense, be left exclusively to the "Local Committees."

Local Committees are requested to make up their first Subscription Lists and Accounts in or before the first week in December next, and to remit the amounts in or before the following week, by drafts payable to the "Patriotic Fund," crossed "Bank of England," to the Secretaries of the Commission, or direct to the Bank of England.

Total amounts only, as transmitted by Local Committees, will be acknowledged at fixed periods in two London daily newspapers.

Donations, Subscriptions, and Contributions, to the "Patriotic Fund," other than those paid to Local Committees, will be received by the Secretaries at the Offices of the Royal Commission as above, at the Bank of England, and by all London Bankers. Acknowledgments of the receipt will appear, from time to time, in the London papers above mentioned; but it is hoped that no separate receipts or acknowledgments will be required from the Honorary Secretaries, whose duties will be otherwise sufficiently laborious.

Appendix B.

Account of Sums received in each Month since the opening of

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.
Contributions received between the 16th October and 30th November, 1854	122,663	2	7
Ditto received in the month of December, 1854	314,997	13	3
Ditto received in the month of January, 1855	215,738	1	9
Ditto received in the month of February, 1855	181,773	10	10
Ditto received in the month of March, 1855	99,315	18	4
Ditto received in the month of April, 1855	50,813	5	5
Ditto received from 1st to 5th May, 1855	4,619	9	0
	£989,921	1	2
Amount of Contributions brought to account at the Bank of England	£989,921	1	2
Bills not yet due	61,524	5	6
	£1,051,445	6	8

Appendix B.

the Subscription, and the mode in which they have been Invested.

Investments.

		£.	s.	d.
1854.				
Nov. 21,	£70,000 Exchequer Bills, at 3*l.* 8*s.* 5¼*d.* per cent. per annum	71,238	19	2
Dec. 11,	£100,000 ditto, ditto	100,150	0	0
„ 3,	£150,000 ditto, ditto	150,375	0	0
1855.				
Jan. 9,	£150,000 Exchequer Bonds, at 3½ per cent. per annum . .	150,482	8	1
Feb. 7,	Loan to the London and North Western Railway Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum	80,000	0	0
„ 10,	Ditto, Great Western Railway Company, at 4¾ per cent. per annum	80,000	0	0
„ 15,	Ditto, North Eastern Railway Company, at 4¾ per cent. per annum	40,000	0	0
„ 21,	Ditto, London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum	50,000	0	0
„ 22,	£20,000 Canada Bonds, at 6 per cent. per annum . . .	21,500	0	0
March 1,	Loan to the Saint Catharine's Dock Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum	50,000	0	0
„ 17,	Ditto, Great Southern and Western Railway Company at 4½ per cent. per annum	25,000	0	0
„ 24,	£35,000 Exchequer Bonds, at 3½ per cent. per annum . .	35,325	3	9
„ 26,	Loan to the North Eastern Railway Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum	20,000	0	0
„ 31,	Ditto, Great Southern and Western Railway Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum	20,000	0	0
April 12,	£50,000 Exchequer Bonds, at 3½ per cent. per annum . .	50,493	3	0
„ 26,	£5,000 New Brunswick Government Bonds, at 6 per cent. per annum	5,012	10	0
	Loan to the St. Catharine's Dock Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum	20,000	0	0
	Total Invested	£969,577	4	0

APPENDIX B.—*continued*

PATRIOTIC

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS between the

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Contributions received between 16th October, 1854, and 5th May, 1855,	989,921	1	2
Interest on Exchequer Bills	217	16	0
Interest on St. Catharine's Dock Company's Debentures	203	3	4
Patriotic Art Exhibition, Special Fund for Widows of Officers . . .	2,200	0	0
	£992,542	0	6
Amount of Contributions brought to account at the Bank of England	989,921	1	2
Bills not yet due	61,524	5	6
Gross Amount of the Fund	£1,051,445	6	8

Appendix B.—*continued.*

Fund.

16th October and the 5th May, 1855.

Payments.

	£.	s.	d.
Investments	969,577	4	0
Central Association, Remittance from St. Helena	20	0	0
Ditto, portion of Collection at Van Diemen's Land awarded for Wives and Families of Soldiers	503	6	2
Ditto, portion of Contributions from Victoria, N. S. W., awarded for Wives and Families of Soldiers	500	0	0
Ditto, proceeds of Concert at Auckland, N. Z., for Wives and Families of Soldiers	35	8	9
Lowestoft Local Committee, sum remitted in error	378	11	6
Coutts and Co., sum paid in error, as from Seaham Harbour	245	0	0
Association for Relief of Wives, &c. of Seamen and Marines, portion of Collection at Van Diemen's Land	503	6	2
Caledonian Asylum, included in Remittance from Cuinshay, N. B.	5	0	0
Counsel's Fee and Expenses in the preparation of the Commission	45	12	9
Advertising Lists of Subscriptions	1,550	11	6
Allowances to Widows, &c. (including Advances to Staff Officers and others)*	6,048	14	5
Ditto, ditto, to Widows of Officers from Fund arising from exhibition and sale of works of Amateur Artists at Burlington House	2,230	0	0
Expenses of the Office, viz., Salaries, Stationery, Postage, Fuel and Lighting, Coach Hire, and Miscellaneous Payments	987	18	4
	982,630	13	7
Balance	9,911	6	11
	£992,542	0	6

* The Fund is liable for a further sum for Relief given by the Central Association to Widows and Orphans from the 1st of January to the period at which they were placed on the books of the Patriotic Fund, but the amount cannot at present be ascertained.

Appendix C.

List of the Meetings of the Royal Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund.

1st Meeting . .	18th December, 1854.
2nd Ditto . . .	19th February, 1855.
3rd Ditto . . .	12th April, ..
4th Ditto . . .	8th May, ..

APPENDIX D 1.

FIRST REPORT

OF

THE EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO

THE ROYAL COMMISSIONERS.

YOUR Committee having met on 17th January, 1855, elected the Right Honourable Lord St. Leonards as Chairman, and at once proceeded to consider the questions referred to them by the Royal Commissioners. After several Meetings, they came to the following Resolutions.

1st. That the following be the Scale of Allowance for the Widows and Orphans of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army, and Marines and Petty Officers and Seamen of the Navy, subject to the condition in the Royal Commission, that the claimants are unable to maintain or support themselves.

The allowance of a Widow, or a portion thereof, when necessary, may be applied for the benefit of the Orphans who may have lost both parents, under the direction of the Committee.

SCALE of ALLOWANCE for the WIDOWS and ORPHANS of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and PRIVATES of the ARMY and MARINES, and PETTY OFFICERS and SEAMEN of the NAVY.

ARMY AND ROYAL MARINES.	Corresponding Ranks, Royal Navy.	WEEKLY ALLOWANCE.												REMARKS.
		Widows.		If with a Family living with the Mother.										
				Children.										
				One.		Two.		Three.		Four.		Five.		
	Class.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
Staff Non-commissioned Officer . .	5th.	6	0	7	0	8	0	8	6	9	0	9	6	
Sergeant, (Colour Sergeant, 6*d.* a week additional) . . .	6th.	5	0	6	0	7	0	7	6	8	0	8	6	Sixpence additional per week to be given to every infirm person.
Corporal or Bombardier	7th.	4	0	5	0	6	0	6	6	7	0	7	6	
Drummer, Trumpeter, or Private . . .	8th.	3	6	4	6	5	6	6	0	6	6	7	0	

As the foregoing Scale for Widows and Orphans must necessarily be influenced by the various circumstances of every case, although the scale is to be the general rule, the Committee

are to be at liberty to deviate from it in cases calling for the exercise of their discretion;—sickness and lying-in, for example, will admit of exception.

The allowances are in no instance to be transferred or assigned, and their continued payment must depend on the circumstances of the parties and the sufficiency of the fund to answer the demands upon it.

Your Committee were desirous of recommending a larger allowance, but the following estimate of the probable claims on the Fund induced them at present not to go beyond the limits in the scale.

Your Committee estimate the deaths, from the best sources to which they have had access, to be as follows:—

At Varna	752
Alma, Inkerman, Balaklava, as appears by the Returns in the "London Gazette"	2,301
Scutari, up to the 7th January	2,044
Deaths at the average of 60 per day by sickness at Scutari and Balaklava, in 24 days, from the 8th to the 31st of January	1,440
Missing	179
Deaths on passage from Scutari	1,300
To which must be added 800 for the Navy .	800
	8,816
These numbers are independent of the deaths in the trenches since the 1st of December, and of those which took place at Malta, on the passage home, and after arrival in England, making in all .	9,000

The proportion of men in the Army who are married may be taken at one-sixth, and that of the Navy at one-fourth, or both at one-fifth. We estimate the number of widows at 1,790, and the number of children at 3,000, and the expense as follows:—

The average age of the widows being 30, a pension for life would be worth 19 years' purchase, at 9*l.* 10*s.* a year	£323,095
Maintenance and education of children may be taken at 6*l.* per annum for 10 years . .	180,000
Expenses for 15 years, with per centage on payments or 15 years	35,000
A few Officers' widows, who may be proper objects of relief, whilst the general distribution proceeds	12,000
	£550,095

Your Committee fear, if the war continues, the liabilities of the Fund may be largely increased.

3. That the allowance to Widows cease upon their second marriage, unless continued by an express order of the Committee; but during any subsequent widowhood the widow is to be at liberty to apply to be replaced on the Fund; but no woman is to continue to receive an allowance if she shall, in the opinion of the Committee, by profligate conduct dishonour the memory of her husband.

4. That the Committee be at liberty to place such Widows as they may deem expedient in the Cambridge Asylum, at such an annual sum or sums, or sum or sums in gross once paid, and under such stipulations as may be deemed necessary, and as the Committee may think proper; but subject to the 9th Resolution.

5. That Widows who have received large sums as Bonuses from the Central, or other Associations, be informed, that till these sums are exhausted, at a rate of expenditure equal to the scale of the Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund, their further applications cannot be entertained.

6. That gratuitous offers of providing for Orphans, or otherwise, be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

7. That where Parishes or Individuals are willing to maintain and educate Orphans at their own expense, the Widows at once may be relieved by the Fund, and the Children, when they are no longer provided for by such Parishes or Individuals, shall be entitled to come on the Fund in like manner as if they were now applicants for relief.

8. That the different Local Committees be requested to place the Children in the schools of their several localities, and pay for them if necessary, until a final arrangement can be made for them. If the Mother does not live with them, they should be placed with respectable people to board and lodge.

9. That where Orphans are of a fit age to be placed at school or in service, or to be bound apprentice, the Committee to be at liberty to place them out accordingly, and to place any Orphans for education in any asylum, industrial School, or other establishment for receiving orphans or destitute children; but the Committee is not to be at liberty to purchase any perpetual right of presentation, or to endow or enlarge any such establishment. If after all the other claims on the Fund are satisfied a surplus should remain on hand, then the subject of endowments shall be submitted to the consideration of the Royal Commissioners.

10. That the Commissioners having determined—

> "That under the terms of the Royal Commission, the Widows and "Orphans of Commissioned Officers are eligible for Relief from the "Patriotic Fund, but inasmuch as provision is made by Parliament "for granting Pensions to persons of this class, the Commissioners "consider that assistance ought only to be given to them in special "cases of great necessity, and that the relief of Non-Commissioned "Officers and Privates ought to be regarded as the primary object of "the Fund."

The Committee propose the following scale of allowance for the Widows and Orphans of Commissioned Officers falling within the above resolution, and subject to the provision for the Widows and Orphans of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates being deemed the primary objects of the Fund; the Committee to be at liberty, nevertheless, if they think that the Fund will permit it, to allow to the Widow and Children of any Commissioned Officer, in cases of great necessity, an allowance not exceeding the scale proposed, although it may not at the time be ascertained how many claimants of the prior class may have to be provided for. The sum of 12,000*l.* already mentioned is intended to include such Widows and Children, and also the Widows and Children of Officers not entitled to any Government pension.

By the Proposed Scale the Widows and Families of Officers of the following Ranks will receive as under:-

RANK.	Nature of Allowance.	If Killed in Action.			If Drowned, or by other Violent Death.			Ordinary Death.		
		Widows' Pension.	Three Children Compassionate Allowance.	Total.	Widows' Pension.	Three Children Compassionate Allowance.	Total.	Widows' Pension.	Three Children Compassionate Allowance.	Total.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Captain, Army . .	From Government .	70	48		60	36		50	36	
Corresponding Rank, Navy	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund .	14	32		12	24		10	16	
				164			132			112
Lieutenant, Army .	From Government .	60	42					40	30	
Corresponding Rank, Navy	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund .	20	42					10	32	
				164						112
Ensign, Army. . .	From Government .	50	42		40	30		36	30	
Corresponding Rank, Navy	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund .	18	42		18	42		16	30	
				152			130			112
Assistant Engineers .	From Government .	35			30					
Gunners, Boatswains, &c.	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund .	15	42		15	42		30	42	
				92			87			72

Note.—If killed in action, a gratuity is granted by the Government to the Widow, equal to one year's full pay of the rank which her husband held; and to each Orphan under the age of 21, one-third of the gratuity to the Widow.

The Committee having regard to the restrictions of the Royal Commission, and the probable amount of the Fund, regret that they have not been enabled to extend the proposed allowances higher than to the rank of a Captain in the Army. They are aware that cases of great pressure may exist amongst some of the higher ranks; and it will afford them pleasure if, in the result, the amount of the Funds should enable them to propose an extension of the scale, after satisfying all prior obligations.

Your Committee have received valuable assistance from the able Reports of two Sub-Committees. That of one composed of Lt.-Col. Adair, M.P., W. G. Anderson, Esq., Treasury, R. C. Kirby, Esq., Chief Accountant, War

Office, led (with variations) to the adoption of the Scale of Allowances already submitted in your Committee's Report.

That of the second Sub-Committee, composed of the same gentlemen, with Lt.-Col. the Hon. James Lindsay, M.P., instead of Lt.-Col. Adair, M.P., in reference to the establishment of paid officers, which will be found in the Appendices to our Report.

Which Report your Committee have confirmed and adopted, and they beg to recommend it for the approval of the Royal Commissioners; and your Committee have filled up the places of Assistant Secretary and Naval Accountant, by the appointment to both of Mr. W. H. Mugford, who has hitherto acted as Naval Accountant only. *Appendix (b).*

The following gentlemen having kindly consented to act as a Committee of Preparatory Audit, viz.—

W. G. Anderson, Esq., Treasury.
Charles Macaulay, Esq., Secretary at the Audit Office.
R. C. Kirby, Esq., Chief Accountant at the War Office.

Your Committee have accepted their services, and they have entered upon their duties.

Your Committee beg to recommend that an amount, equal to the subscriptions made in Canada, be invested in the purchase of Canadian 6 per cent. Debentures.

Application has been made by your Committee for the remission of Postage, and a reply has been received, to the effect that Lord Canning was unable to make any exception in favour of any particular class of correspondence.

Application has also been made for the remission of the Income Tax, which is now under the consideration of the Treasury.

The Honorary Secretaries having disbursed, before the opinion of the Royal Commissioners was known, a sum of £49 5*s.* 3*d.*, in relief to certain objects not provided for in the Provisional Scale, your Committee annex a statement thereof in the Appendix, and recommend the sanction of the Royal Commissioners for this expenditure. *Appendix (c).*

Your Committee are gratified to be able to state that the Committee of Lloyd's Patriotic Fund have decided on granting Gratuities, to the amount of £25,000, to relatives who depended for support on Officers and men in Her Majesty's Service killed in action; and also to those *disabled* from wounds received in the present war.

Certain sums of money from abroad having been paid into this Fund, portions have been claimed by the Central Association, and the Society for the Relief of Widows, &c. of Seamen and Marines; the papers are printed in the *Appendix (d).*

Appendix, and the Committee beg to submit them to the consideration of the Royal Commissioners.

Appendix (e). Applications having been made by Widows for passages to Canada, Australia, and other places, the Committee submit the same to the Royal Commissioners.

ST. LEONARDS,
Chairman.

Appendix to First Report to the Royal Commissioners of the Executive and Finance Committee.

The following Statements and Papers will further explain the state of the Fund and the Proceedings and Inquiries of the Committee, viz. :—

Financial Statement as to the Sums received, and particulars of Investment; the Income arising therefrom; the Sums expended, in which is shown the Numbers receiving Relief; and an Estimate of Liabilities founded upon the only data at present available. *Appendix (a).*

Appendix (a) to First Report of Executive Committee.

ESTIMATE of the present and probable INCOME of the PATRIOTIC FUND.

		£.	s.	d.
£320,000	Exchequer Bills, at 2¼*d.* per cent. per diem . .	10,950	0	0
£150,000	Exchequer Bonds, at 3½ per cent. per annum . .	5,250	0	0
£80,000	On Loan to the Great Western Railway Company, at 4¾ per cent. per annum	3,800	0	0
£40,000	On Loan to the North-Eastern Railway Company, at 4¾ per cent. per annum	1,900	0	0
£80,000	On Loan to the London and North-Western Railway Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum . . .	3,600	0	0
	Present Income	£25,500	0	0
	Subscriptions known to be collected at Glasgow and Leeds, not yet paid into the Bank of England, and other Sums paid in but not yet realised—			
£100,000	which at 4½ per cent. would give . . . . . and which it is proposed, should be lent to the London and Brighton Railway Company, and the St. Catherine's Dock Company, and invested in Canada 6 per cent. Bonds.	4,500	0	0
	Probable Income . .	£30,000	0	0

It is proposed to invest upon temporary, but solid Securities, bearing a higher interest, portions of the Funds now producing a low rate of interest.

Appendix (a) to First Report of Executive Committee.

ESTIMATE of the present and probable EXPENDITURE of the PATRIOTIC FUND.

Payments between 16th October, 1854, and this date, viz. :—

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Salaries	269	13	10			
Miscellaneous Payments . .	177	17	11			
				447	11	9
Payments to 700 Widows and 1,025 Children . . .				1,034	9	7
				£1,482	1	4
To which must be added the charge for Advertisements, which will soon cease altogether				1,340	5	6
Making the total expended . .				£2,822	6	10

To which will have to be added, Sums, for which the Patriotic Fund may have to provide, for the support of Widows, from 1st January, when the Central Association ceased to provide for them, the amount of which cannot at present be ascertained, but it will not exceed £300 or £400.

Probable Expenditure.

Since the Estimate contained in the Report was made, 1,400 deaths are recorded (making 10,400 in all), from which is assumed that there are now 2,000 Widows, and 3,400 Children.

	£.	s.	d.
2,000 Widows, at £9 10*s.* per annum	19,000	0	0
3,400 Children, at £6 per annum	20,400	0	0
Per Centage upon these payments (2½ per cent.) . . .	985	0	0
Office Expenses	1,500	0	0
Officers' Widows (for the present)	1,000	0	0
	£42,885	0	0

Appendix (b) to First Report of Executive Committee.

THE questions referred to the Sub-Committee for investigation and report, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, were—

1. The establishment of Officers and Clerks required for conducting the official business of the Commission, and the scale of their remuneration.

2. The checks established for the security of the funds of the Commission, the distribution of them, and the sufficiency of the vouchers upon which grants are made, and of the Accounts required to exhibit the pecuniary transactions of the Commission.

In the present Report we propose to confine our remarks to the first of these subjects.

The paid Officers, created since the first appointment of the Commission, are—

	£.
1 Assistant-Secretary, at	300 a-year.
1 Accountant, at	50 ,,
(In addition to his salary of £150 a-year from the public.)	
2 Assistant-Accountants, at	160 a-year each.
Extra salary to one of them, as Clerk to the Finance Committee, £40 a-year.	
1 Clerk, at	150 a-year.
1 Clerk, at	130 ,,
2 Assistant-Clerks, and 2 Extra Clerks, at 36*s.* per week each.	
1 Office Keeper, at	60 ,,
1 Messenger, at £31, and one at £20 16*s.* . .	£51 16*s.* a-year.

The duties of these Officers may be briefly described as follows:—

The Assistant-Secretary opens and distributes the letters received, records all remittances enclosed in letters, takes charge of all contributions paid in at the Office till they are paid over to the Accountant, and prepares receipts for them for the signature of one of the Honorary Secretaries; answers letters of inquiry, and attends to other minor duties. This office is at present vacant, and the duties are conducted by the Assistant Accountant—Naval Branch—who performs, in addition, the duties of corresponding with naval claimants, of regulating the grant of relief to this class, according to the established scale, in some cases by remittances in gross to persons in the country for distribution, in others by separate remittances to the claimants themselves, or by payments at the Office in cash. He records those payments in his "Day-Book," and examines the lists and vouchers returned to him from the country after payment. He debits all such payments for relief to the personal accounts of the Widows, in an Abstract Book, kept for that purpose. He prepares and transmits the Warrants for Grants to Widows, supplies the Staff Officers, or other persons employed for the payment of the

Widows, with the Description Papers required for the identification of claimants, and performs other routine duties.

He is assisted by a Clerk in the performance of these duties.

Assistant-Accountant, Army Branch.—The duties of this Officer are similar to those just described, and he is also assisted by a Clerk in the performance of them. He acts, moreover, as Clerk to the Finance Committee.

The Accountant collects all contributions remitted to the Office in letters or paid in at the Office in cash, and pays the same, through the Paymaster-General, to the Patriotic Fund Account at the Bank of England. He enters the contributions received, either from the letters of advice, or from the counterfoils of receipts, and traces the receipt of the money to the Bank of England Pass-Book. He prepares the Advertisement Lists for the Newspapers, and keeps the general accounts of the Funds of the Commission. He has also a Clerk to assist him in the performance of these duties.

Clerks.—Three Clerks are employed, as we have already stated, in assisting the Accountant and the two Assistant Accountants. The fourth is employed in keeping the register of general correspondence, in docketing letters received, and in copying letters sent from the office.

Extra Clerks.—One of these is employed on the temporary duty of abstracting the donations received in an alphabetical register, and the other in filling up forms of acknowledgment of money remitted, and in assisting in the entry of letters and other routine work.

The time has not arrived when a final distribution of these duties can be made; the duties connected with the *receipt* of money, which have hitherto formed the largest portion of the business, are rapidly decreasing, whilst those connected with the grant of allowances and the payment of them, which have hitherto been light, are increasing daily; these again will hereafter be reduced when the grants shall have been completed, and the system of paying, on permanent orders, through the Staff-Officers of Pensioners, shall have been brought into full operation. But although the office-duties are in a transition state, and the establishment which we are about to recommend must consequently be considered a provisional one, we see no difficulty in laying down the principle upon which the permanent Staff should be prospectively organized.

The office of "Assistant Secretary," at 300*l.* a-year is now vacant. We recommend that one of the Assistant Accountants be promoted to it, at a reduced salary of 250*l.*; and as the duties of the office have diminished, owing to the contributions having nearly ceased, we consider that he may perform the duties of both offices, by which the salary of 160*l.* a-year, which he now receives as Assistant Accountant, may be wholly saved.

The second "Assistant Accountant," whose title we propose to alter to that of "Principal Clerk," should continue to perform his present duties, including those which devolve upon him as Clerk to the Finance Committee.

We see no reason for recommending any change in his salary of 200*l.* a-year, including 40*l.* as Clerk to the Finance Committee.

The "Accountant" holds a Clerkship in the General Register Office, where he receives a salary of 150*l.* a-year; the allowance paid to him from the funds of the Commission is only 50*l.* a-year. Considering the circumstances under which the services of Mr. Hancock were obtained, we think 50*l.* a-year is too small a remuneration for them. When the Commission was first established, it was considered of great importance to secure the services of some gentleman whose character and qualifications were well known, in whose integrity entire confidence could be placed, and whose appointment, under the Government, would stand, in some measure, in lieu of security for the faithful discharge of a considerable pecuniary trust. These considerations led to the selection of Mr. Hancock for the situation of Accountant. In fixing the rate of his remuneration, it may be proper also to bear in mind, that a Clerk removed for a lengthened period from the duties of his own department, is exposed to the risk of certain disadvantages during his absence. We are therefore of opinion, that 100*l.* a-year will be a reasonable rate of extra pay to the Accountant. At the same time we recommend that this appointment should not be continued beyond the time when the regulations of the office may come into full operation, and the system of conducting the business and of keeping the accounts may be completely established; Mr. Hancock's duties may then be performed by the other members of the permanent establishment, and he may return to his duties in the General Register Office.

With respect to the two Clerks at Annual Salaries of 150*l.* and 130*l.*, we recommend that one of these should be dispensed with; the Clerk at 150*l.* a-year only performs the duties of a Copying Clerk, which can be executed for a much lower rate of pay, and we cannot recommend that his services be continued.

We do not recommend any change in the rates of pay of the Assistant Clerks and of the temporary Clerks; the latter should be discharged as soon as their services can safely be dispensed with. The two Assistant Clerks will be required as Assistants to the Assistant Secretary and to the Principal Clerk.

We recommend that whenever a Clerkship may fall vacant, it may not be filled up, but that Messrs. Vacher and Son, the Law Stationers, in Parliament Street, who supply Copying Clerks to the Board of Trade and other offices, at about 6*s.* a-day each, may be applied to for the assistance which may be required, from time to time, whenever a pressure may arise. The objection to keeping up a permanent staff of Clerks for a varying and routine business is, that they cannot be dispensed with when the pressure has ceased, or if dispensed with, they cannot be recalled into employment when the pressure revives. The employment of Law Stationers' Clerks, when actually required, will secure efficient assistance at the cheapest rate.

There is an Office Keeper at 60*l.* a-year, and there are also two Messengers, one at 31*l.* a-year, and another at 8*s.* a-week, or 20*l.* 16*s.* a-year.

We do not see the necessity of employing more than two persons of this class; one of the Messengers may therefore be discontinued. The result of our recommendations is—

1st. That the permanent Staff should be confined to three persons, the Assistant Secretary at 250*l.*, the Principal Clerk at 200*l.*, including 40*l.* as Clerk to the Finance Committee, and one Established Clerk at 130*l.*, with such further assistance from the Law Stationers as the Honorary Secretaries may, from time to time, find absolutely requisite.

2nd. That the allowance to the Accountant should be raised to 100*l.* a-year, and that after the expiration of one year from the present time, the Finance Committee should take into consideration the question of dispensing with his services, and apportioning his duties among the permanent Staff of the office.

3rd. That the following offices should be abolished as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for dispensing with their services :—

	£.	s.
1 Assistant Accountant at . .	160	0
1 Clerk at	150	0
1 Messenger at	20	16

4th. That the services of the temporary Clerks should be discontinued so soon as the business for which they are now specially retained shall have been completed.

The second point submitted to the sub-Committee requires more time than will admit of a Report being made on the subject at the present.

JAS. LINDSAY.
W. G. ANDERSON.
R. C. KIRBY.

Appendix (c) to First Report of Executive Committee.

STATEMENT of SUMS DISBURSED by the HONORARY SECRETARIES, as RELIEF, in cases not included in the PROVISIONAL SCALE, before the opinion of the ROYAL COMMISSIONERS had been obtained—for which the APPROVAL of the ROYAL COMMISSIONERS is requested, to satisfy the AUDITORS.

To whom Given.	Relation to Deceased.	Name, &c., of the Deceased.	Amount Disbursed. £.	s.	d.
Mary Brawn . .	Mother.	Joseph Brawn, seaman, H.M.S. 'Arethusa,' killed in action	0	17	6
Catherine Morgan .	Mother.	Richd. Morgan, seaman, H.M.S. 'Albion,' died of cholera	0	17	6
Elizabeth Cullen .	Sister .	Thos. Cullen, seaman, H.M.S. 'Sanspareil,' killed in action	1	4	0
Caroline Anscomb .	Widow.	James Anscomb, fireman, 'Prince,' transport	1	6	3
		(a) 2 Widows and 2 Mothers of Officers	40	0	0
		Widow of a Master of a Transport	5	0	0
			49	5	3

(a) REMARKS—In great temporary distress—not having received residue of husband's pay, and having to wait for pension.

Appendix (d) to First Report of Executive Committee.

Downing Street, 22nd December, 1854.

SIR,

I AM directed by Secretary Sir George Grey to transmit to you, to be laid before the Commissioners for the Patriotic Fund, the enclosed copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land, forwarding a receipt from the Deputy Commissary-General in that Colony, for the sum of Two Thousand Pounds, which had been paid into the Military Chest, being the amount of a contribution received through the Mayor of Hobart Town, and intended for Relief of the Wives and Children of persons serving in the British Army and Fleets in the War with Russia.

No. 4.
15th Sept., 1854.

Receipt sent to Treasury.

£2000.

Sir George Grey has requested the Lords of the Treasury to give the necessary instructions for the payment of the amount to the Commissioners for the Patriotic Fund. Sir William Denison, in his Despatch, expresses a hope that the whole sum may be handed over by their Lordships without the charge of any premium, and Sir George Grey has recommended a compliance with that application.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HERMAN MERIVALE.

The Secretary to the Commission for the Patriotic Fund.

(Copy.)

Van Diemen's Land, Government House, September 15, 1854.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, a copy of a letter addressed to me by the Mayor of Hobart Town, enclosing a sum of Two Thousand Pounds, which has been collected from various sources, as detailed in the letter, for the purpose of relieving the wives and children of persons engaged in the present War.

No. 4.
Military.

I have paid the amount into the Military Chest, and enclose the proper receipt from the Deputy Commissary-General for the same.

I trust that no premium will be charged on the amount by the Treasury, and that the whole sum will be handed over to the persons upon whom the responsibility of administering this relief is imposed, as an offering from this small and remote colony, evincing the interest taken by the people in the success of the War in which we are engaged, and their sympathy for those who may suffer in our defence.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. DENISON.

Appendix (e) to First Report of Executive Committee.

Falkirk Manse, 9th January, 1855.

GENTLEMEN,

I SEND you an application for aid on behalf of Widow M'Pherson, whose husband, after 17 years' service in the 42nd Regiment, died of cholera before Sebastopol, on the 1st of October last.

She has four young children, and is unable to provide for them.

What Mrs. M'Pherson is anxious for, is, to obtain the means to get out to America, where she has relations, who have promised to look after her and the children, and if you would be so good as furnish such from the Patriotic Fund, you would greatly oblige.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM BEGG.

Honorary Secretaries of the Patriotic Fund.

Whitehall Place, February 6, 1855.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to request you will lay before the Finance Committee of the Royal Commissioners, the case of Ann Kean, widow, now in receipt of 3*s.* 6*d.* a week.

She is anxious to emigrate to Australia, where she has friends, and begs that she may receive some assistance for outfit for that purpose.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. CRICHTON STUART,

Lieut.-Capt. Grenadier Guards.

The Honorary Secretary.

APPENDIX D 2.

SECOND REPORT

OF

THE EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO

THE ROYAL COMMISSIONERS.

YOUR COMMITTEE having met several times since they had the honour of reporting to the Royal Commissioners, beg to lay before them a Report of their further proceedings. The Sub-Committee, composed of

Colonel the Hon J. LINDSAY, M.P.,
W. G. ANDERSON, Esq.,
R. C. KIRBY, Esq.,

have made the following Report on the subject of the security of the Funds, of the modes of Receipt and Payment of Moneys, and sufficiency of the Accounts kept for recording the pecuniary transactions, as well as on the sufficiency of the Checks upon Grants to Widows and Orphans, which Report your Committee have confirmed and adopted, and now beg to recommend for the adoption of the Royal Commissioners.

SECOND REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

IN our first Report we confined our remarks to the establishment of paid officers and clerks required for conducting the official business of the Royal Commission; in the present Report we propose to deal with the second subject of inquiry referred to us, namely, "The checks established for the security of the funds of "the Commission, the distribution of them, and the sufficiency of the vouchers "upon which grants are made, and of the accounts required to exhibit the "pecuniary transactions of the Commission."

1st. AS to the security of the funds:—By the Royal Proclamation the Paymaster-General is constituted the treasurer of the fund, and all moneys are paid to a distinct account opened in his name at the Bank of England. The larger portion of the contributions received have been paid directly to that account without passing through the hands of any officer of the Commission. We have inquired into the regulations under which these moneys are received and issued by the Paymaster-General, and we are satisfied that the security of

the balance at the credit of his account at the Bank of England is complete. All issues by the Paymaster-General on account of the Patriotic Fund are made, in the first instance, out of the public money in his hands, and at the close of each day a transfer is made from the Patriotic Fund account to that of the public at the Bank of England, to replace such issues. The Assistant Paymaster-General holds a deputation from the Paymaster-General to enable him to make these transfers, but it contains no authority to draw cheques or bills on the Patriotic Fund account, which can therefore only be operated on by "writes off," or direct transfers, to the public account.

The securities belonging to the fund, such as Exchequer Bills, Bonds, Railway Debentures, &c., are held by the Bank of England in the joint names of the Paymaster-General and the Honorary Secretary, and their joint signatures are required to every order for the sale or disposal of them.

The subscriptions received at the office of the Royal Commission are either paid by subscribers into the hands of the Assistant Secretary, or they are remitted in letters addressed to the Honorary Secretaries. These letters are opened in the presence of two persons and the remittances are entered by the Assistant Secretary in a day-book kept for that purpose. Acknowledgments are given to all persons who pay money at the office, or they are transmitted by post to those persons who may have remitted their subscriptions in letters. The counterfoils of these acknowledgments are kept as vouchers to be produced to the Auditors. At the close of each day the Accountant takes charge of the moneys received during the day and pays them to the proper officer in the Paymaster-General's office for transmission to the Bank of England. The Assistant Secretary makes up a daily account of the receipts at the office; the Accountant also makes up an account of the same receipts from the letters of advice and from the drafts and cash transferred to him by the Assistant Secretary; he subsequently notes against each sum, in his journal of Office Receipts, the number of the Paymaster-General's list, prepared from the Bank Pass Book, in which the same is brought to account.

It is evident that the efficacy of the check upon this portion of the subscriptions depends wholly on the regularity observed in giving acknowledgments for all sums paid or remitted to the office; if this regulation is duly enforced, the check is, in our opinion, as complete as the circumstances of the case admit of.

2nd. *As to Payments from the Fund.*—Advances are made from time to time by the Paymaster-General to the Honorary Secretary, who keeps an account for the Patriotic Fund at Messrs. Drummond's; from this account advances are made to the Assistant Secretary, who remits money to the country, either to persons intrusted with the distribution of relief, or directly to the Claimants entitled to it. We recommend that the payments should, as far as practicable (and far more generally than at present), be made through the Paymaster-General; this arrangement will relieve the Honorary Secretary, as well as those who distribute money under his direction, from unnecessary risk and responsibility.

3rd. *As to the sufficiency of the Checks upon Grants to Widows and Orphans.*—In regard to the Vouchers upon which Grants are made, we consider that some alteration is desirable. The Marriage Certificate of the Widow, and the Certificates of Birth or Baptism of the Children, are not at present in all cases produced at the Office; it appears to us most essential that every application from a Widow for relief should be accompanied by a Certificate of her Marriage with the Soldier or Sailor upon whose death she founds her claim to an allowance, and by Certificates of the Birth or Baptism of the Children on whose behalf she may apply for relief. If the Children should be Orphans on both sides, the Applicant on their behalf should furnish both Certificates of their Birth or Baptism and of the Marriage of their Parents.

In regard to Soldiers' Marriages, the cases are not unfrequent in which the Wife has Children by a previous Marriage; and occasionally Illegitimate Children, either of the Husband or Wife, live with the Soldier and his Wife, and pass by the Soldier's name; the possession of the correct dates of the Soldier's Marriage and of the birth of all the Children, is therefore indispensable.

If a difficulty should arise in any case in procuring the proper Certificates, it must be stated to the Honorary Secretaries, and such steps taken as shall appear requisite to remove the difficulty, or to admit secondary evidence, according to circumstances. In granting Allowances from the Fund, which are likely to endure, every care should be taken to examine as closely as possible the Certificates by which the claims are supported, to ascertain that they are genuine and free from alteration or erasure, and to subject all doubtful cases to special investigation.

4th. *As to the Sufficiency of the Accounts kept for recording the Pecuniary Transactions of the Commission.*—We have examined the various Books in which the Receipts and Payments are entered, and they appear to us to be well adapted to the proper record of the simple transactions which they embrace. We have suggested some slight alterations in them, which appeared to us to be required to render them more complete. We consider that the Books in which the Accounts with the several Pensioners are opened, may be improved; and that it would be advantageous to adopt the forms of Pension Books used in the Paymaster-General's Office for similar payments

J. LINDSAY.
R. C. KIRBY.
W. G. ANDERSON.

February 26th, 1855.

The Committee of Preparatory Audit, sanctioned by the Royal Commissioners, composed of

W. G. Anderson, Esq.,
Charles Macaulay, Esq.,
R. C. Kirby, Esq.,

have made considerable progress in their labours, and will at no distant period bring their examination up to the latest date, when they will report the method they have adopted in the process. The Commission requires that the final audit shall be by one or more of the Royal Commissioners.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report, that their scheme of having Local Committees of Ladies to watch over the welfare of the Widows and Orphans, has been attended with the happiest results in Glasgow and Aberdeen, and they do not doubt that it will be equally successful in the other localities. The Ladies' Committees of the Grenadier and Scots Fusilier Guards, have continued to give their kind and efficient aid to the Widows and Orphans of whom they took charge.

Orphans who have lost both parents, and who have no natural guardians to whom they can properly be intrusted, have been placed by your Committee in temporary asylums under the care of clergymen; but in all cases the wishes and feelings of the natural surviving guardians, or the known wishes of the deceased parents, have been respected.

Your Committee have, in many instances, relieved Widows with families, by taking charge of the children where the Widows were willing to go to service, or by taking charge of some of the children, so as to render the Widow capable of maintaining herself and the other children, in which cases, of course, the allowances, with any necessary additions, are regulated accordingly.

Your Committee, in exercise of the authority delegated to them by you, have to a limited extent, relieved the Widows and Orphans of several Officers of the following ranks, viz., 2 Surgeons, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 4 Quartermasters, 1 Commissariat Clerk, 3 Engineers, and 6 Naval Warrant-Officers, who all stood greatly in need of aid.

Your Committee have also exercised the power with which they were intrusted, of administering relief beyond the general scale, in several cases of sickness, and of the lying-in of Widows.

Several Widows have already married again, and thus ceased to be objects for whom the Patriotic Fund was subscribed. But the numbers applying for relief are continually on the increase; latterly, the average number of Applicants is 73 a-week. The number of Widows now receiving relief is 1,219, and the number of Orphans is 1,467, of whom 25 have lost both parents. We subjoin a list of the names of the localities where the Widows and Orphans are resident.

Your Committee have, in some cases, assisted Widows to move to their own parishes, where they were known, and could more readily obtain work, and in other cases, to move into more respectable neighbourhoods, with a view to benefit them and their children.

They have also paid the expenses of funerals, both of Widows and Orphans, and in a few cases have paid for medical attendance.

Your Committee are desirous of taking this opportunity of recording their sense of their obligations to those Staff Officers of Pensioners and other gentlemen, who are so kindly and efficiently assisting them in the distribution of the Fund.

Your Committee have much pleasure in Reporting that through the instrumentality of the Committee of Amateur Artists, 121 Pall Mall, a sum of money, as the first instalment, has been placed at their disposal for immediate distribution amongst the Widows and Orphans of all classes of Officers. To these Gentlemen your Committee beg to offer their acknowledgments — and have to Report that the money has already been applied in the relief of several pressing claims.

Your Committee have to report, that Subscriptions still continue to be received at the rate of £10,000 a-week; latterly a large proportion of this has been from Calcutta and Bombay.

Your Committee have much pleasure in drawing attention to the munificent subscription of an illustrious individual, His Highness Il Hameh Pacha.

Your Committee beg to present the following analysis, which has been transmitted to them by the Glasgow Committee, of the large sum subscribed by the City of Glasgow. It affords a fair illustration of the manner in which all classes have subscribed to the Patriotic Fund :—

ABSTRACT of CLASSIFICATION of SUBSCRIBERS to the PATRIOTIC FUND in GLASGOW.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1. Incorporations and Public Bodies, viz.—						
(1.) Corporation of Glasgow	500	0	0			
(2.) Trades' House and Incorporated Trades.	2,045	0	0			
(3.) Merchants' house	200	0	0			
(4.) Legal Faculty of Procurators . .	105	0	0			
(5.) Medical Faculty	105	0	0			
(6.) Stock Exchange	105	0	0			
(7.) Gaelic Club	100	0	0			
(8.) Miscellaneous	370	0	0			
				3,530	0	0
2. Local Joint Stock Banks				1,000	0	0
Carried forward				£4,530	0	0

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Brought forward		4,530 0 0
3. Mercantile Class, viz.—		
(1.) Merchants, including Commission Merchants and Agents . . .	9,871 17 6	
(2.) Manufacturers, including Calico Printers	5,791 12 0	
(3.) Warehousemen	943 1 0	
(4.) Drysalters	321 12 0	
		16,928 2 6
4. Iron-masters, Iron-merchants, and Coal-masters		1,701 12 6
5. (1.) Engineers, Millwrights, and Ship-builders	1,024 11 6	
(2.) Iron and Brass Founders. . .	494 18 11	
		1,519 10 5
6. Trade Class, viz.—		
(1.) Bleachers and Dyers	214 3 0	
(2.) Publishers, Booksellers, and Stationers.	436 6 6	
(3.) Brewers, Distillers, and Malsters .	119 0 0	
(4.) Innkeepers, Spirit Dealers, and Victuallers	396 3 0	
(5.) Wrights, Upholsterers, and Cabinet-makers	277 18 6	
(6.) Builders, Plasterers, Brickmakers, &c.	178 17 0	
(7.) Bakers	148 1 6	
(8.) Butchers	85 5 3	
(9.) Clothiers and Tailors	186 16 0	
(10.) Boot and Shoe Makers	64 9 6	
(11.) Painters, Paperhangers, and Glaziers	82 0 0	
(12.) Smiths and Bellhangers	63 5 9	
(13.) Watchmakers and Jewellers. . .	109 11 6	
(14.) Letter-press Printers, Lithographers, and Bookbinders	98 5 11	
(15.) Coach-builders, Postmasters, and Liverymen	64 18 0	
(16.) Calenderers and Packers	76 7 0	
(17.) Apothecaries and Druggists . .	50 12 0	
(18.) Auctioneers	29 17 6	
(19.) Seedsmen and Nurserymen . .	64 7 6	
(20.) Shopkeepers	460 2 0	
(21.) Seafaring People	137 5 6	
		3,343 12 11
Carried forward		£28,022 18 4

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought forward				28,022	18	4
7. (1.) Persons in the employment of others, including Managers and Foremen of Public Works, Clerks, Warehousemen, Shopmen, &c. . .	2,280	5	0			
(2.) Working-classes	8,412	19	5			
Note.—The division of the above two Classes may not be quite accurate, as in numerous cases the returns were made without specifying separately the proportions contributed by Managers, &c., and Workmen.						
(3.) Domestic Servants	198	18	9			
				10,892	3	2
8. Professional Class—						
(1.) Clergymen	133	5	6			
(2.) Naval and Military Men . . .	57	16	6			
(3.) Lawyers, exclusive of £105 from Faculty	1,182	4	1			
(4.) Medical Men, ditto	239	10	0			
(5.) Professors in University . . .	73	8	0			
(6.) Bankers	179	11	0			
(7.) Accountants, Insurance Brokers, House Factors, and Stockbrokers, exclusive of £105 from Stock Exchange	801	19	6			
(8.) Architects	19	19	0			
(9.) Teachers and their Pupils . .	309	5	6			
				2,996	19	1
9. Miscellaneous, including Ladies, Landed Proprietors, and persons living on their property, independent of Trade, Business, or Profession . . .				2,634	5	7
Total Sum subscribed to 27th March, 1855 .				£44,546	6	2

STATEMENT of PATRIOTIC

Receipts and Payments from

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
To Contributions received between the 16th October and the 30th November 1854	122,663	2	7			
Ditto, in the Month ending 31st December	314,997	13	3			
Ditto ditto 31st Jan. 1855	218,209	19	3			
Ditto ditto 28th Feb. .	181,773	10	10			
Ditto ditto 31st March .	99,315	18	4			
Ditto, from 1st to 7th April	20,478	9	10			
				957,438	14	1
To Interest on Exchequer Bills				217	16	0
				£957,656	10	1

FUND ACCOUNT.

16th October 1854 *to* 29*th March* 1855.

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	£	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Investments in Exchequer Bills				321,763	19	2
„ Exchequer Bonds				188,279	9	4
Loan to London and North Western Railway Company	80,000	0	0			
„ Great Western Railway Company	80,000	0	0			
„ North Eastern Railway Company	60,000	0	0			
„ London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company	50,000	0	0			
„ St. Catharine's Docks	50,000	0	0			
„ Great Southern and Western Railway Company	45,000	0	0			
				365,000	0	0
Investment in Canada Debentures				21,500	0	0
				£896,543	8	6
Refunded to Lowestoft Local Committee, it having been twice paid				378	11	6
„ Central Association, part of Collection at Van Diemen's Land for Widows, Wives and Orphans				503	6	2
„ Association for Relief of Wives of Seamen and Marines				503	6	2
„ Central Association, ditto ditto, at Victoria, New South Wales				500	0	0
Paid for Counsel's Fee and Expenses for preparation of Royal Commission				45	12	9
„ for Office Expenses, viz.—						
Salaries	506	17	2			
Stationery	42	13	3			
Postage	69	4	4			
Fuel and Lighting	16	4	10			
Coach Hire	17	15	0			
Miscellaneous	94	19	9			
				747	14	4
Allowances to Widows and Orphans				2,957	14	1
Advertisements of Subscriptions (an expense which will shortly cease)				1,481	7	6
Balance at the Bank of England	53,964	8	5			
„ at Messrs. Drummonds'	12	1	0			
„ in the Office Cash	18	19	8			
				53,995	9	1
				£957,656	10	1

Estimated Income of Patriotic Fund.

Estimated Income from Investments.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
320,000	0	0	Exchequer Bills, at 2¼*d.* per cent. per diem .	10,950	0	0
185,000	0	0	Exchequer Bonds, at £3 10*s.* per cent. per annum	6,475	0	0
80,000	0	0	Loan to Great Western Railway Company, at 4¾ per cent. per annum	3,800	0	0
40,000	0	0	Loan to North Eastern Railway, at 4¾ per cent. per annum	1,900	0	0
20,000	0	0	Ditto ditto at 4½ per cent. per annum	900	0	0
80,000	0	0	Loan to London and North Western Railway, at 4½ per cent. per annum	3,600	0	0
50,000	0	0	Loan to London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, at 4½ per cent. per annum	2,250	0	0
50,000	0	0	Loan to St. Catharine's Dock Company, at 4½ per cent.	2,250	0	0
45,000	0	0	Loan to Great Southern and Western Railway, at 4½ per cent. per annum	2,025	0	0
20,000	0	0	Canada Debentures, at 6 per cent. per annum.	1,200	0	0
				£35,350	0	0
53,995	9	1	say at £3 10*s.* 0*d.* per annum . . .	1,800	0	0
			Total Income	£37,150	0	0

New cases of Widows and Orphans are being received at the rate of 70 and 75, respectively, per week (causing an annual increase of £1,178 each week); which, at the expiration of 10 weeks, without any extraordinary casualties, would make the Expenditure equal to the Income.

This large accession of numbers does not arise so much from recent cases of mortality, as from the time that elapses before the Widows are made acquainted with the deaths of their husbands.

Your Committee, having regard to the present amount of Subscriptions and the number of Claimants on the Fund, beg to recommend the Allowances to be increased according to the following Scale, subject to revision in case the number of Applicants should hereafter render it necessary to reduce the Allowances.

Scale of Allowance for the Widows and Orphans of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army and Marines, and Petty Officers and Seamen of the Navy.

Army and Royal Marines.	Corresponding Ranks, Royal Navy.	Weekly Allowance. Widows.		If with a Family living with the Mother. Children. One.		Two.		Three.		Four.		Five.		Remarks.
	Class.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	One shilling additional per week to be given to every infirm Widow, and 3s. additional in cases of acute illness, and half these sums for each child under similar circumstances. All allowances are to be subject to the condition stated in the Royal Commission, that the recipients are unable to maintain or support themselves, and in general these will not be made or continued to Orphans after they shall have attained the age of 15.
	4th.													
Staff Non-commissioned Officer . .	5th.	6	0	8	0	9	0	10	0	11	0	12	0	
Sergeant, (Colour Sergeant, 6*d.* a week additional). . .	6th.	5	0	7	0	8	0	9	0	10	0	11	0	
Corporal or Bombardier	7th.	4	6	6	0	7	0	8	0	9	0	10	0	
Drummer, Trumpeter, or Private . . .	8th.	4	0	5	6	6	6	7	6	8	6	9	6	

Thirty shillings to be allowed extra during period of confinement.
From 1*l.* 10*s.* to 2*l.* 10*s.* for a Widow's funeral, and half for that of a Child.

As the foregoing Scale for Widows and Orphans must necessarily be influenced by the various circumstances of every case, although the Scale is to be the general rule, the Committee are to be at liberty to deviate from it in cases calling for the exercise of their discretion; sickness and lying-in, for example, will admit of exception.

The allowances are in no instance to be transferred or assigned, and their continued payment must depend on the circumstances of the parties and the sufficiency of the Fund to answer the demands upon it.

That the allowance to Widows cease upon their second marriage, unless continued by an express order of the Committee; but during any subsequent widowhood the Widow is to be at liberty to apply to be replaced on the Fund; but no woman is to continue to receive an allowance if she shall, in the opinion of the Committee, by profligate conduct dishonour the memory of her husband.

The Royal Commission has confined relief to those who are unable to relieve or support themselves. Those who are in receipt of wages adequate to their support, or who by proper exertion are able to earn a respectable livelihood, are not, so long as such is the case, in a position to receive the same allowances as Widows who from want of health, or from the infancy, or number, or helplessness of their children, are not able to maintain themselves; but the Executive Committee, desirous of encouraging and rewarding those who endeavour by honest industry to gain their own livelihood, have resolved, that where any Widow not receiving relief from this Fund for herself, shall produce Quarterly to the Secretary of the Royal Commissioners, satisfactory evidence that she is in

service, or that she is maintaining herself by carrying on any business or other occupation, the Committee will, every Quarter, present every such Widow with a sum not less than one guinea, nor more than one and a half guinea, according to their opinion of the general merits of each case.

Every Widow, therefore, in service will receive, in addition to her wages, at least four guineas a-year, by Quarterly payments, from the Fund, and in proper cases as much as six guineas a-year quarterly. A Widow taking service will in no manner prevent her from receiving the Allowances afforded by the Scale for her Children, but, on the contrary, where it can be accomplished, the Committee will place her Children in proper Asylums, and when she may be temporarily out of service, the regular Allowance will be made to her. Age, infirmity, or sickness will in all cases be received as a ground for special relief, and in proportion to the previous exertions of the Claimant, and the degree of industry and self-reliance she has manifested whilst in health and capable of working, will be the disposition of the Committee to extend to her at such periods, the aid of the Patriotic Fund. But your Committee will carefully guard against unfounded claims on the Fund.

(Signed) ST. LEONARDS,
Chairman of Committee.

16A *Great George Street, Westminster,*
April 9th, 1855.

Appendix E.

Return of Widows of Officers of Army and Navy from whom Applications for Relief have been Received.

Rank of Husband.	Cause and Place of Death.		Number of Children.	Actual Income from any source, of Widow and Children, including Pension and Compassionate Allowance.	Granted from Patriotic Fund.	Granted from Special Fund.
Army.				£.	£.	£.
Lieut.-Colonel	Effusion of the Brain	Before Sebastopol	..	130	..	200
Lieut.-Colonel and Major	From Wounds	Scutari	2	180	..	110
Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel	Wounds received in action	Inkerman	1	..	..	100
1st Class Staff-Surgeon	Cholera	Kollabie	..	90	10	100
Captain	Killed	Inkerman	1	156	..	100
Captain	Killed	Alma	3	178	..	120
Captain	Frozen to Death	Between Balaklava and the Trenches	4	98	..	150
2nd Class Staff-Surgeon	Died	Scutari	3	81	10	115
Lieutenant and Adjutant	Killed	Alma	..	60	10	50
Lieutenant	Died	Gallipoli	1	49	8	70
Quarter-Master	Fatigue and Exposure	Before Sebastopol	5	71	..	100
Quarter-Master	Died on his return to England		2	56	8	70
Quarter-Master	Died	Crimea	2	56	8	70
Quarter-Master	Died	Crimea	3	54	15	80
Assistant Commissariat-Clerk	Malaria and Cholera	Devna	..	Nil.	20	..
Navy.				£.	£. s.	£.
Captain	Cholera	Varna	2*	90	..	150
Captain	Drowned	Baltic	3	193	..	150
Commander	Drowned	Black Sea	2	160	..	90
Captain	Killed	Petropaulouski	3	118	..	110
Chief Engineer, 3rd Class	Died from an injury received on duty		5	Nil.	30 8	50
Assistant-Engineer	Cholera	Baltic	4	Nil.	29 10	40
Assistant-Engineer	Dysentery	Therapia	1	Nil.	20 12	30
Gunner	Dysentery	Therapia	..	Nil.	15 0	20
Gunner	Died	Black Sea	3	Nil.	22 16	40
Boatswain	Died	Baltic	5	Nil.	28 0	50
Boatswain	Dysentery	Eupatoria	1	Nil.	17 12	25
Carpenter	Died	Off the Coast of Jutland	3	Nil.	22 16	40

* One of whom is a cripple.

Appendix F.

Scale of Allowance for the Widows and Orphans of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army and Marines, and Petty Officers and Seamen of the Navy.

(To take effect from the 1st of March.)

Army and Royal Marines.	Corresponding Rank, Royal Navy.	Weekly Allowance.												Remarks.
		Widows.		If with a Family living with the Mother. Children.										
				One.		Two.		Three.		Four.		Five.		
	Class.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
Staff Non-Commissioned Officer	4th, 5th	6	0	7	0	8	0	8	6	9	0	9	6	Sixpence additional per week to be given to every infirm person. All allowances are to be subject to the condition stated in the Royal Commission, that the recipients are unable to maintain or support themselves; and in general these will not be made or continued to Orphans after they shall have attained the age of 15.
Sergeant (Colour Sergeant 6*d.* a-week additional) . . .	6th	5	0	6	0	7	0	7	6	8	0	8	6	
Corporal or Bombardier	7th	4	0	5	0	6	0	6	6	7	0	7	6	
Drummer, Trumpeter, or Private . . .	8th	3	6	4	6	5	6	6	0	6	6	7	0	

Appendix G.

(*AMENDED.*)

Scale of Allowance for the Widows and Orphans of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army and Marines, and Petty Officers and Seamen of the Navy.

(To take effect from the 1st of May.)

Army and Royal Marines.	Corresponding Ranks, Royal Navy.	Weekly Allowance.												Remarks.
		Widows.		If with a Family living with the Mother. Children.										
				One.		Two.		Three.		Four.		Five.		
	Class.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
Staff Non-Commissioned Officer	4th, 5th	6	0	8	0	9	0	10	0	11	0	12	0	One shilling additional per week to be given to every infirm Widow, and 3*s.* additional in cases of acute illness, and half these sums for each child under similar circumstances. All allowances are to be subject to the condition stated in the Royal Commission, that the Recipients are unable to maintain or support themselves, and in general these will not be made or continued to Orphans after they shall have attained the age of 15.
Serjeant (Colour-Serjeant 6*d.* a-week additional) . . .	6th	5	0	7	0	8	0	9	0	10	0	11	0	
Corporal or Bombardier	7th	4	6	6	0	7	0	8	0	9	0	10	0	
Drummer, Trumpeter, or Private . . .	8th	4	0	5	6	6	6	7	6	8	6	9	6	

£1. 10*s.* to be allowed extra during period of confinement. From £1. 10*s.* to £2. 10*s.* for a Widow's funeral, and half for that of the Child.

Appendix H.

Numerical Return of Widows and Children of the Primary Classes receiving Relief from the Patriotic Fund, showing also the Districts in which they Reside.

16A *Great George Street, Westminster, May* 10, 1855.

DISTRICTS.	ARMY.						NAVY.					
	Widows.			Children.			Widows.			Children.		
	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.
England.												
Bath	..	5	5	5	..	5						
Birmingham	2	8	10	11	..	11						
Bolton	3	9	12	19	..	19						
Brighton	2	6	8	9	..	9	..	1	1	1	..	1
Bristol	1	5	6	9	..	9	1	..	1			
Cambridge	2	2	4	4	..	4						
Canterbury	8	11	19	21	..	21	1	2	3	5	1	6
Carlisle	4	13	17	16	..	16						
Chatham	5	19	24	33	..	33	5	5	10	10	..	10
Chester	1	2	3	2	..	2						
Coventry	2	7	9	13	..	13						
Derby	3	3	6	4	..	4						
Exeter	1	5	6	11	..	11	..	2	2	8	..	8
Falmouth	2	6	8	8	..	8	1	5	6	6	..	6
Gloucester	3	6	9	19	..	19	1	1	2	2	..	2
Halifax	7	8	15	15	..	15						
Hull	..	6	6	12	..	12	..	1	1	4	..	
Ipswich	3	11	14	20	1	21	1	4	5	6	..	6
Jersey	1	1	2	4	..	4						
Leeds	12	13	25	23	..	23						
Leicester	3	2	5	5	..	5	..	1	1	4	..	4
Lincoln	3	9	12	16	..	16						
Liverpool	5	23	28	31	..	31						
Lynn	..	1	1	1	..	1						
Manchester	10	29	39	50	1	51						
Carried forward	83	210	293	361	2	363	10	22	32	46	1	47

DISTRICTS.	ARMY.						NAVY.					
	Widows.			Children.			Widows.			Children.		
	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.
Brought forward . .	83	210	293	361	2	363	10	22	32	46	1	47
England—*continued.*												
Newcastle-on-Tyne. . .	8	15	23	25	..	25	1	1	2	3	1	4
Northampton	2	8	10	13	..	13						
Norwich	4	6	10	13	..	13						
Nottingham	5	8	13	13	..	13						
Oxford	..	6	6	10	..	10						
Plymouth	11	15	26	25	..	25	32	75	107	157	..	157
Portsmouth	10	15	25	21	1	22	24	40	64	89	..	89
Preston	9	17	26	24	..	24						
Salisbury	2	3	5	4	..	4	..	2	2	5	1	6
Sheffield	..	3	3	5	..	5						
Shrewsbury	..	1	1	2	..	2						
Southampton	9	12	21	22	..	22	..	3	3	6	..	6
Stafford, North	..	4	4	7	1	8						
Stockport	4	7	11	11	..	14	..	1	1	3	..	3
Taunton	2	3	5	5	..	5						
Trowbridge	3	2	5	5	..	5						
Wales { East	..	3	3	4	..	4						
Wales { West	1	9	10	17	1	18						
Wolverhampton	..	4	4	4	..	4	1	..	1			
Worcester	3	3	6	6	..	6	..	1	1	2	..	2
York	3	5	8	6	..	6						
London { 1st Eastern Div. .	9	17	26	36	..	36	1	1	2	1	..	1
London { 2nd Ditto .	8	6	14	7	1	8						
London { 1st Western Div.	59	108	167	198	5	203	..	1	1	2	..	2
London { 2nd Ditto .	1	1	2	2	..	2						
London { 1st Northern Div.	5	6	11	12	1	13						
London { 2nd Ditto .	6	4	10	10	..	10						
London { Southern Division	11	7	18	14	1	15	..	2	2	4	..	4
London { Woolwich . .	22	51	73	97	6	103	2	4	6	5	..	5
Total in ENGLAND	280	559	839	982	19	1001	71	153	224	323	3	326

DISTRICTS.	ARMY.						NAVY.					
	Widows.			Children.			Widows.			Children.		
	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.
Ireland.												
Armagh	2	2	4	4	..	4						
Athlone	..	6	6	10	..	10						
Ballymena	..	3	3	6	..	6	..	1	1	2	..	2
Belfast	5	10	15	18	..	18						
Birr	1	10	11	15	1	16						
Carlow	1	2	3	2	..	2						
Castlebar	..	2	2	2	1	3						
Cavan	1	5	6	11	..	11						
Charlemont	1	4	5	9	1	10						
Clonmel	1	5	6	11	..	11						
Cork	9	24	33	38	..	38	..	1	1	3	1	4
Drogheda	4	1	5	2	..	2	..	1	1	6	..	6
Dublin	19	32	51	58	3	61	3	3	6	5	..	5
Ennis	1	5	6	9	..	9						
Enniskillen	..	5	5	5	..	5						
Fermoy	3	8	11	14	..	14	..	2	2	2	..	2
Galway	5	8	13	10	..	10						
Kilkenny	5	4	9	10	..	10						
Limerick	3	15	18	24	..	24						
Londonderry	..	3	3	5	..	5	..	1	1	5	..	5
Longford	1	1	2	1	..	1						
Monaghan	..	2	2	5	..	5						
Newry	2	3	5	4	1	5						
Omagh	1	1	2	1	..	1						
Roscommon	..	3	3	3	..	3						
Sligo	1	1	2	1	..	1						
Tralee	4	4	8	8	..	8						
Tullamore	1	1	2	2	..	2						
Waterford	2	1	3	4	..	4	..	1	1	4	..	4
Total in Ireland	73	171	244	292	7	299	3	10	13	27	1	28

DISTRICTS.	ARMY.						NAVY.					
	WIDOWS.			CHILDREN.			WIDOWS.			CHILDREN.		
	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.
SCOTLAND.												
Aberdeen	4	8	12	10	..	10	..	1	1	1	..	1
Ayr	1	1	2	1	..	1						
Dundee	4	6	10	5	1	6						
Edinburgh	10	31	41	45	2	47						
Glasgow	25	26	51	46	..	46						
Inverness	3	7	10	10	..	10						
Paisley	..	8	8	14	..	14	..	1	1	1	..	1
Perth	5	7	12	16	..	16						
Stirling	..	3	3	4	..	4						
Thurso	..	1	1	4	..	4						
TOTAL IN SCOTLAND	52	98	150	155	3	158	..	2	2	2	..	2
ABROAD.												
Boulogne	..	1	1	2	..	2						
Canada	4	2	6	2	..	2						
Corfu	..	4	4	12	..	12						
Gibraltar	1	1	2	3	..	3						
Malta	1	1	2	2	..	2						
TOTAL ABROAD	6	9	15	21	..	21						

RECAPITULATION.

	WIDOWS.					CHILDREN.				
	ARMY.		NAVY.			ARMY.		NAVY.		
	Without Children.	With Children.	Without Children.	With Children.	Total.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Whose Mothers are Living.	Orphans.	Total.
England	280	559	71	153	1063	982	19	323	3	1327
Ireland	73	171	3	10	257	292	7	27	1	327
Scotland	52	98	..	2	152	155	3	2	..	160
Abroad	6	9	..	..	15	21	..	..	..	21
TOTAL	411	837	74	165	1487	1450	29	352	4	1835

Appendix I.

Resolutions for the Guidance of the Executive and Finance Committee.

1. The Commissioners are of opinion that, under the terms of the Royal Commission, the Widows and Orphans of Commissioned Officers are eligible for relief from the Patriotic Fund; but inasmuch as provision is made by Parliament for granting Pensions to persons of this class, the Commissioners consider that assistance ought only to be granted to them in special cases of great necessity, and that the relief of Widows and Orphans of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates ought to be regarded as the primary object of the Fund.

2. That no condition beyond legal proof of Marriage be required as a *primâ facie* claim for relief.

3. That the terms of the Commission do not admit of an extension to Grandmothers, Mothers, or unmarried Sisters.

4. That the Wives of Prisoners of War are not eligible under the terms of the Royal Commission.

5. That Military Regiments on Foreign Stations are not to be considered "on active service."

6. That Cruisers on Foreign Stations, others than those adjacent to the Russian Coasts, are not to be considered "on active service," unless when men are killed in actual action with Russians.

7. That inquiry shall be made as to whether applicants are in the receipt of relief from any other charity.

8. That the Widows of civil servants to Officers are not eligible, unless their husbands were actually killed "on active service."

9. That the following Clause of the Royal Commission—"And "also by their gifts and subscriptions to contribute a portion of those "means with which our nation has been blessed towards the succouring, educating, and relieving those who, by the loss of their "Husbands and Parents in battle or by death on active service in "the present war are unable to maintain or support themselves," embraces the cases of Widows and Orphans of Artificers and other civil servants of the Crown employed in the East in connexion with the present war.

10. That the Scale of Allowance (Appendix F) be for the Widows and Orphans of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army and Marines, and Petty Officers and Seamen of the Navy, subject to the condition in the Royal Commission, that the claimants are unable to support or maintain themselves.

The allowance of a Widow, or a portion thereof, when necessary, may be applied for the benefit of those Orphans who have lost both Parents, under the direction of the Committee.

As the above-mentioned Scale for Widows and Orphans must necessarily be influenced by the various circumstances of every case, although the Scale is to be the general rule, the Committee are to be at liberty to deviate from it in cases calling for the exercise of their discretion,—sickness and lying-in, for example, will admit of exception.

The allowances are in no instance to be transferred or assigned, and their continued payment must depend on the circumstances of the parties, and the sufficiency of the fund to answer the demands upon it.

11. That the allowance to Widows cease upon their second marriage, unless continued by an express order of the Committee; but during any subsequent widowhood the widow is to be at liberty to apply to be replaced on the Fund; but no woman is to continue to receive an allowance if she shall, in the opinion of the Committee, by profligate conduct dishonour the memory of her husband.

12. That the Committee be at liberty to place such Widows as they deem it expedient in the Cambridge Asylum, at such an annual sum or sums, or sum or sums in gross, once paid, and under such stipulations as may be deemed necessary, and as the Committee may think proper, but subject to the 17th Resolution.

13. That Widows who have received large sums as bonuses from the Central or other Associations, be informed, that until these sums are exhausted, at a rate of expenditure equal to the Scale of the Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund, their further applications cannot be entertained.

14. That gratuitous offers of providing for Orphans, in part or otherwise, be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

15. That where Local Subscribers or Individuals are willing to maintain and educate Orphans at their own expense, the Widows may be relieved by the Fund, and the Children, when they are no longer provided for by such Local Subscriptions or Individuals, shall be eligible for relief from the Fund in like manner as if they were now applicants for relief.

16. That where Orphans are of a fit age to be placed in service, or to be bound apprentice, the Committee shall be at liberty to place them out accordingly, and to place any Orphans for education in any Asylum, Industrial School, or other establishment for receiving Orphans or destitute Children; but the Committee is not to be at liberty to purchase any perpetual right of presentation, or to endow or enlarge any such establishment. If after all the other claims on the Fund are satisfied a surplus should remain on hand, then the subject of endowments shall be submitted to the consideration of the Royal Commissioners.

17. The Commissioners having determined at their first Meeting—
" That under the terms of the Royal Commission, the Widows and
" Orphans of Commissioned Officers are eligible for relief from the

" Patriotic Fund; but, inasmuch as provision is made by Parliament " for granting Pensions to persons of this class, the Commissioners " consider that assistance ought only to be given to them in special " cases of great necessity, and that the relief of the Widows and " Orphans of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates ought to be " regarded as the primary object of the Fund."

They now declare that the following shall be the Scale of Allowance for the Widows and Orphans of Commissioned Officers falling within the foregoing Resolution, and subject to the provision for the Widows and Orphans of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates being deemed the primary objects of the Fund; the Committee to be at liberty, nevertheless, if they think that the Fund will permit it, to allow to the Widow and Children of any Commissioned Officer, in cases of great necessity, an allowance not exceeding the Scale proposed, although it may not at the time be ascertained how many claimants of the prior class may have to be provided for.

SCALE of ALLOWANCE for the WIDOWS and FAMILIES of COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

RANK.	NATURE OF ALLOWANCE.	If killed in Action.			If drowned, or by other violent Death.			Ordinary Death.		
		Widow's Pension.	Three Children: Compassionate Allowance.	Total.	Widow's Pension.	Three Children: Compassionate Allowance.	Total.	Widow's Pension.	Three Children: Compassionate Allowance.	Total.
		£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
Captain, Army; corresponding rank, Navy	From Government.	70	48		60	36		50	36	
	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund	14	32		12	24		10	16	
				164			132			112
Lieutenant, Army; corresponding rank, Navy	From Government.	60	42		..	..		40	30	
	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund	20	42		..	..		10	32	
				164						112
Ensign, Army; corresponding rank, Navy	From Government.	50	42		40	30		36	30	
	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund	18	42		18	42		16	30	
				152			130			112
Assistant Engineers, Gunners, Boatswains, &c.	From Government.	35	..		30	..		..	..	
	Supplemental from Patriotic Fund	15	42		15	42		30	42	
				92			87			72

NOTE.—If killed in action, a gratuity is granted by the Government to the Widow, equal to one year's full pay of the rank which her husband held; and to each Orphan under the age of 21, one-third of the gratuity to the Widow.

The Commissioners having regard to the probable amount of the Fund, regret that they have not been enabled to extend the proposed Allowances higher than the rank of a Captain in the Army. They

are aware that cases of great pressure may exist amongst some of the higher ranks, and it will afford them pleasure if, in the result, the amount of the Funds should enable them to propose an extension of the Scale after satisfying all prior obligations.

18. That passages for Widows and Orphans to Canada, Australia, and other places be granted, but only where the Committee are satisfied that they have friends in those places who will assist them, and prevent their again becoming a burthen on the Fund.

19. That a Vote of Thanks be given to the Commissioners in Aid, the Chairman, Secretaries and Treasurers of Local Committees, the Bankers and others who have assisted the Royal Commissioners in carrying Her Majesty's gracious intentions into effect.

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